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A TALE OF

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Richard Oxter looked up eagerly from the papers before him on his office table as his young partner en-

tered the room. A nod from Debenham reassured

suspicion is about. The insurance good and of sufficient number-" people will pay up without a doubt. Those bales would have been written almost imperceptible sneer. down a dead loss if this brilliant notion had not occurred to you."

valuable fleeces consisted wholly of that spoiled stuff."

skipper and the crew should have

gone down!" Richard Oxter looked grave. was a hard-featured man, with a crafty look in his eyes, but his manners \$1,000?" were polished and unbane. Debenham on the contrary, was curt and cynical. He was clean shaven, al. to our shares when we divide, and, of ready a little bald about the temples. and was always carefully, almost foppishly dressed.

"It was a most regrettable inci dent!" said Richard Oxter. One, however, for which we need not blame ourselves. If the Stella Mary had sunk in fair weather-as I hoped and trusted she would-the skipper and crew could have taken to the boats and "H's all right," said Debenham been saved. I gave particular incalmly, "not the slightest breath of structions that the boats should be

"You were always a humane man, It was a smart idea of yours, Oxter. Oxter," remarked Debenham, with an

"Of course, we can not be answerable for the vagaries of the wind and "It couldn't have been done if our the weather. It is, I repeat, a most manager out there hadn't been pretty regrettable incident. • • • What sharp. He saw to every detail of the is it, Robson?" For a whistle had shipment himself, he writes, and not come from the speaking tube on his cargo that was insured as our most his ear. "Mrs. Wilbur? Well, I suphanded her a chair. pose you had better let her come up.

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Oxter. "I am afraid there is no necesthe disagreeable duties that must be of the deep sympathy we both—"
"That's hardly worth mentioning—" gone through. Oddly enough, I was "Oh sirt" cried Mrs. Wilbur "Jolly unlucky, though, that the just going to suggest that as we came

out of it so well, we might make the widow a little present by the way of consolation. What would you say to

"I'm quite agreeable. hardly make an appreciable difference course, it would look well."

"Just put the sherry and cigars out of sight, Debenham; we don't want her to think us heartless and indif-

"Always a humane man!" said Debenham, as he put the decanter and cigar box into a cupboard.

Richard Oxter pulled into place the blotters, stamps and letter baskets in front of him. There was only one object on his table unconnected with his business, and that was a large photograph in a solid frame, the photograph of a young man with an openhearted, frank expression, bearing no resemblance to Richard Oxter. Nevertheless, this was his only son.

The door opened to admit a sturdy little woman in black, but not in widow's weeds. Her face bore traces of grief and anxiety.

Oxter came forward and shook her a clerk in the office knows that the desk and Oxter put the trumpet to hand sympathetically. Debenham

"And we make a pretty good haul benham-widow I should have said, sity to ask the object of your visit, out of it, even after allowing for the I can't refuse to see her. It's one of and I think I need hardly assure you

"Ob, sir!" cried Mrs. Wilbur, too .

agitated in mind to have any 'Year of the great man, "do you think it is absolutely hopeless? Need we quite despair? I can't seem to make up my mind that there's no hope. For boats the time of their lives for a month are sometimes picked up, sir, aren't at an old farmhouse over in Jersey. they, days and even weeks after. The very first thing that takes place wards? And newspaper gentlemen are upon the arrival of the consignment COUNTY ASSCIATION FLECTS OFsometimes mistaken in what they

"I wish I could feel justified in holding out to you any hope, Mrs. Wilbur. Capt. Wilbur was a man we highly esteemed (here t'e widow broke out in an irreprese!ble sob), and we hope to give you some practical proof of how much his sterling worth was appreciated. . . . should be only too glad if I could think there was any chance of his having escaped-"

"I hoped, sir," said Mrs. Wilbur, choking back her sobs, "that you might have some later news than what the papers say-"

"All the knowledge we have of the affair has been made public, Mrs. Wilbur," said Oxter. Debenham gave a little dry cough, "And the information supplied by the mate of the Nantilus leaves no opening for hope. He says that in a violent storm west of Towes strait they saw a vessel foundering and signaling for help. They were in too torical novel?" great difficulties themseives to help,

She Didn't Accept. "Let me be your breadwinner."

There is a society in New York SALUDA TEACHERS that, each year, takes a dozen or so East Side children and gives them

is a thorough scrubbing. "Good gracious, Jakey, your bath water is as black as ink," the attendant remarked to a lad at the end of fer by far than any of the others." "Well, ain't I two years older 'an any of them kids?" Jakey demanded,

Hubby Heard It. Mrs. Hicks was telling some ladles about the burglar scare in her bouse the night before.

-Brooklyn Life.

"Yes," she said, "I heard a noise and got up, and there, from under the bed, I saw a man's legs sticking "Mercy!" exclaimed a woman. "The

burglar's legs?" "No, my dear; my husband's legs. He heard the noise, too."-Every-

"So Hillikins has written a his-

"Yes,' answered Miss Cayenne, "Who is the hero of the book?" "The man who has undertaken to "Nia. What I want is a piewinner." publish it."-Washington Star.

REOLGANIZE.

FICERS AND PLANS WORK.

his distressing ceremony. "It is dirt- Association of this county was reor- word is generally used in counter ganized here Caturday. The entoll tion with public speaking. For exment will be made to gettle names ample, we often read that somebod; of all the teachers in the county on 'made a few cursory remarks.' Pleas:

> The following officers were elected Prof. T. E. Doin, president: Mr. J.T this: Taylor, vice president: Miss Leilah "Testerday my pa helped my ma to Attway: secretary-treasurer. The er hang pictures, and when the ladde ecutive committee is composed of at it he made a few cursory re the officers o d the following: Mrs. marks."-Chicago Record-Herald. Mary Nance Daniel and Sugerinten-

A programme committee for the chair around and pushed a butto wear was appointed, consistion of the wall. The person wanted en tered. "Here," said the editor, "ar Miss Mary Nance Daniel, Miss J. T. a number of directions from outside: Taylor, F. E. Bradham and Misses as to the best way to run a news Frontis and Jones, of the Saluda paper. See that they are carried

discussed and many interesting sug- -The Green Bas. gestions were made.

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"Eddle," said the teacher, "can yo Salud Oct. 26-The Teacher's give a definition of cursory? Th write a sentence containing the word

cursory." After a brief struggle Eddle evolved

fell after pa had climbed to the top

Fulfilling Instructions. clent of Education B Fr nk Sample The managing editor wheeled his

And the office boy, gathering them Plans for the coming year were all into a large waste basket, did so.